

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

Listing of All Pending Claims

1. - 20. (canceled)

21. (currently amended) A method for restricting communication in a wireless communications device, comprising the steps of:

determining a physical location of the wireless communications device utilizing a global positioning system (GPS) functional device contained within the wireless communications device;

receiving ~~inputting~~ a phone number input into the wireless communications device;

utilizing a controller in the wireless communications device for comparing the determined physical location with a plurality of authorized locations, the plurality of authorized locations pre-stored in a memory of the wireless communications device; and

placing a phone call to the inputted phone number when the determined physical location matches an authorized location of the plurality of authorized locations.

22. (previously presented) The method of claim 21, further comprising the steps of:

determining a phone number geographic characteristic of the inputted phone number utilizing the controller in the wireless communications device;

utilizing the controller for comparing the determined phone number geographic characteristic of the inputted phone number with a plurality of authorized geographic characteristics stored in a memory of the wireless communications device; and

wherein the step of placing a phone call comprises the step of:

placing the phone call to the inputted phone number when the determined physical location matches an authorized location of the plurality of authorized locations, and when the determined phone number geographic characteristic matches an authorized geographic characteristic of the plurality of authorized geographic characteristics.

23. (previously presented) The method of claim 22, wherein the determined phone number geographic characteristic comprises an area code, and wherein the plurality of authorized geographic characteristics comprises a plurality of authorized area codes.

24. (canceled)

25. (currently amended) The method of claim 21 20, further comprising the step of:
not accepting an incoming phone call when the determined physical location does not match one of the plurality of authorized locations.

26. (previously presented) A method for restricting communication in a wireless communications device, comprising the steps of:

determining a physical location of the wireless communications device utilizing a global positioning system (GPS) capable device contained within the wireless communications device;

utilizing a controller in the wireless communications device for comparing the determined physical location with a plurality of authorized locations, the plurality of authorized locations pre-stored in a memory of the wireless communications device;
and

not accepting an incoming phone call when the determined physical location does not match one of the plurality of authorized locations.

27. (currently amended) The method of claim 26, further comprising the steps of:

~~comparing~~ initiating a phone call to the inputted number if at least a portion of an inputted phone number matches at least one authorized geographic characteristic of a plurality of authorized geographic characteristics, the plurality of authorized geographic characteristics stored in a memory of the wireless communications device; and
~~initiating a phone call to the inputted number if the comparison results in a match.~~

28. (currently amended) The method of claim 27, wherein the step of initiating a phone call comprises the step of:

initiating a phone call to the inputted number if the at least a portion of an inputted phone number matches at least one authorized geographic characteristic ~~comparison results in a match~~ and if the determined physical location matches one of the plurality of authorized locations.

29. (previously presented) The method of claim 27, wherein the plurality of authorized geographic characteristics comprises a plurality of area codes, and wherein the at least a portion of the inputted number is an area code.

30. (previously presented) A device for restricting wireless communication, comprising:

a global positioning system (GPS) enabled device for determining a physical location of the device;

an user interface for inputting a phone number into the device;

a memory for pre-storing a plurality of authorized locations;

a controller connected to the GPS enabled device, the user interface and the memory, the controller for determining if the determined physical location matches an authorized location of the plurality of authorized locations, the controller outputting an indication of a match; and

a wireless communication circuit connected to the controller for initiating a phone call to the inputted phone number only if the controller outputs the indication of the match.

31. (previously presented) The device of claim 30, wherein a plurality of authorized geographic characteristic are stored in the memory;

wherein the controller determines a phone number geographic characteristic of the inputted phone number; and

wherein the controller compares the determined phone number geographic characteristic of the inputted phone number to the plurality of authorized geographic characteristics and outputs the indication of the match only if the determined physical location matches the authorized location and if the determined phone number geographic characteristic matches an authorized geographic characteristic of the plurality of authorized geographic characteristics.

32. (previously presented) The device of claim 31, wherein a phone number geographic characteristic of the plurality of phone number geographic characteristics comprises at least one of an area code of a plurality of area codes and a set of numbers within an area codes of a plurality of sets of numbers within a plurality of area codes.

33. (canceled)

34. (previously presented) A wireless communications device, comprising:

a storage means for storing a plurality of authorized area codes, a plurality of unauthorized area codes, a plurality of authorized locations, and a plurality of unauthorized locations;

an input means for inputting a phone number into the wireless communications

device;

a global positioning system (GPS) means for determining a physical location of the wireless communications device;

a controller means for determining a particular area code of the inputted phone number, and for determining if the particular area code matches an authorized area code of the plurality of authorized area codes or an unauthorized area code of the plurality of unauthorized area codes, the controller means for outputting an area code match signal;

the controller means further determining if the determined physical location matches an authorized location of the plurality of authorized locations or an unauthorized location of the plurality of unauthorized locations, the controller means for outputting a location match signal;

wireless communication circuit means for placing a phone call to the inputted phone number based upon the outputted area code match signal and the outputted location match signal.

35. (previously presented) The wireless communication device of claim 34, wherein the phone call is placed only if the outputted area code match signal indicates an authorized area code and the outputted location match signal indicates an authorized location.

36. (previously presented) The wireless communication device of claim 34, wherein the phone call is blocked if the outputted area code match signal indicates an unauthorized area code or the outputted location match signal indicates an unauthorized location.

37. (currently amended) A wireless communication network for restricting communication of a wireless communications device, the wireless communication network comprising:

a cellular service network for accepting a phone call placed by the wireless

communications device; and

the wireless communications device comprising:

- a ~~first~~ storage area for storing at least one authorized geographic characteristic; ~~a second storage area for storing~~ and at least one authorized location;
- an input device for inputting a phone number;
- a global positioning system (GPS) function for determining a physical location of the wireless communications device;
- a processor for performing a first comparison of ~~comparing~~ the inputted phone number to the at least one authorized geographic characteristic, and for performing a second comparison of ~~comparing~~ the determined physical location to the at least one authorized location, the processor outputting a place call signal or a block call signal based upon ~~the results~~ a result of the first comparison and the second comparison ~~comparisons~~; and
- a wireless communication circuit connected to the processor, the wireless communication circuit for placing the phone call to the inputted phone number if the processor outputs the place call signal.

38. (previously presented) The wireless communication network of claim 37, wherein the wireless communication device further comprises a receiver circuit for receiving an incoming phone call from the cellular service network only if the determined physical location matches the at least one authorized location.

39. (previously presented) The wireless communication network of claim 37, wherein the at least one authorized geographic characteristic comprises an area code.

40. (previously presented) The wireless communication network of claim 37, wherein the cellular service network controls the storage of the at least one authorized geographic characteristic and the at least one authorized location utilizing an over the air storage instruction to the wireless communications device.